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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 51791, (B) STATE 42622, (C) LAGOS 2408

1. RE PARA 3, REFTEL A, THE EKO HOLIDAY INN HAS 586 ROOMS INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE NEARBY KURAMO LODGE ANNEX. ON THE BASIS OF REFTEL B (PARA 6D), WE HAVE RESERVED 450 ROOMS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31-APRIL 2 FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRAVELLING PARTY INCLUDING PRESS. PRESS WILL RECEIVE SINGLE ROOMS. WE PLAN SOME DOUBLING FOR STAFF, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRE-ADVANCE TEAM. PREADVANCE AND ADVANCE WILL STAY AT EKO.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE HOTEL SITUATION IN LAGOS IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT. IN PARTICULAR, EKO NORMALLY HAS APPROXIMATELY 95 PERCENT OCCUPANCY RATE. IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT, EKO HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS FOR SOME TIME FOR THAT PERIOD. IN ADDITION, MMTTEL MUST EJECT ABOUT 120 PERMANENT HOTEL RESIDENTS INCLUDING 80 AMCITS, MOSTLY BUSINESSMEN. THUS, EKO WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN, IF POSSIBLE, THE REMAINING 136 ROOMS FOR RESIDENT STAFF, DOUBLED UP PERMANENT RESIDENTS, AND CIVIL AIRLINE CREWS SERVING LAGOS.

3. ON THE BASIS OF CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA 2, WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO INSIST THAT THE ENTIRE HOTEL WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE
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VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, WE CAN EXPECT TO GET WHATEVER ADDITIONAL ROOMS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THAT REGARD, WE HAVE ALERTED EKO TO EXPECT APPROXIMATELY 50 NETWORK PERSONNEL (USIA 5187) PRIOR TO VISIT.
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